

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

August 2013 – Week 3

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TITLE: FORGOTTEN BLOODSHED

AUGUST 1813 AND IT'S THE BATTLE THAT TIME FORGOT.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUGUST 18, 1813. NEAR SAN ANTONIO. SPANISH TEXAS IS IN REVOLT. INSURGENTS HOPING TO PULL TEXAS AWAY FROM SPAIN HAVE STORMED IN AND DECLARED INDEPENDENCE. FOURTEEN HUNDRED OCCUPY THE TOWN.

BUT FOUR THOUSAND SPANISH TROOPS ARRIVE TO PUT DOWN THE REBELLION.

NEAR THE MEDINA RIVER, THE ARMIES CLASH IN ONE OF THE BLOODIEST BATTLES IN TEXAS HISTORY. AFTER FOUR HOURS, CLOSE TO A THOUSAND SOLDIERS LAY DEAD. THE BRIEF REPUBLIC IS NO MORE.

ONE SPANISH SOLDIER, NAMED SANTA ANNA, WOULD RETURN HERE TWENTY-THREE YEARS LATER TO PUT DOWN REBELS AT A PLACE CALLED THE ALAMO.

THE LITTLE KNOWN BATTLE OF MEDINA HAPPENED 200 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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